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## <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed foreign document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English document JPA 2002-94531, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English abstract attached thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that

such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by

telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address

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